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Taking the blame.
Attorney says Dzhokhar Tsarnaev helped carry out the bombing, but his brother Tamerlan was the mastermind.

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Bomber's lawyer: **'IT WAS HIM'**

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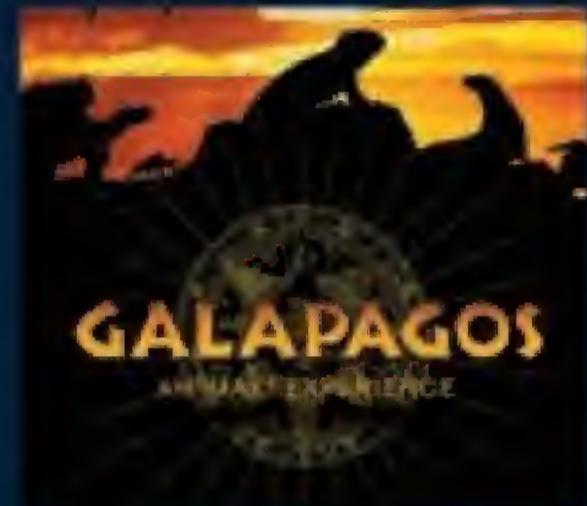
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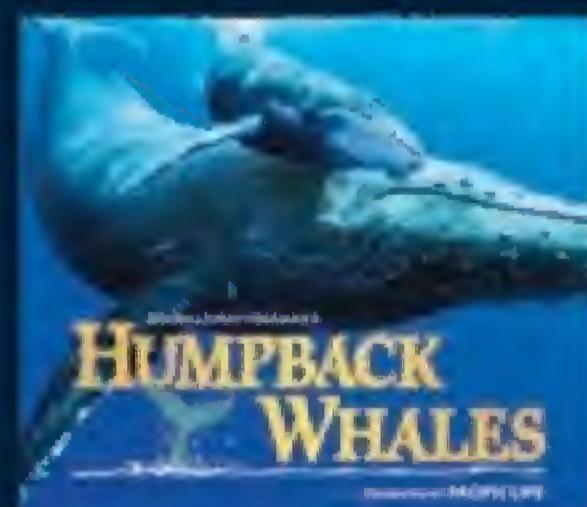


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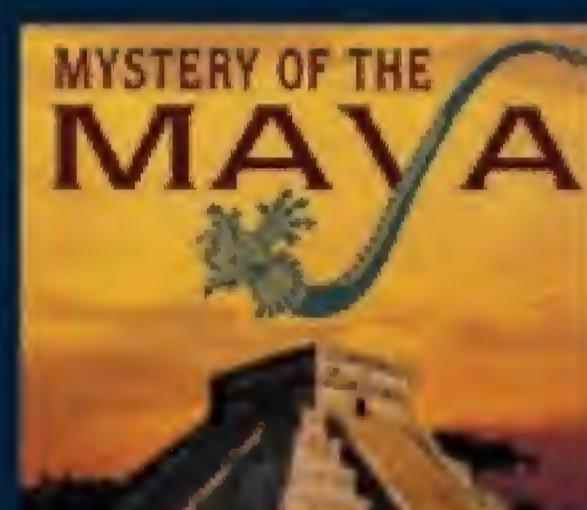
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Reasoning. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev helped carry out the Boston Marathon bombing, and his lawyers plan to explain why.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev helped carry out the Boston Marathon bombing at the Boylston Street finish line on April 15, 2013, his attorney told a packed courtroom Wednesday in the opening day of the 21-year-old's trial.

"It was him," Attorney Judy Clarke said in her opening statement at the Moakley Federal Courthouse in the Seaport District. "So you might say, 'Why a trial?'"

Clarke pinned blame on Tsarnaev's dead brother, Tamerlan, who died during a shootout with police three days after the bombing.

"We do not and will not at any point in this case sidestep Dzhokhar's responsibility for his actions. We think the question of why is important, and this is where we disagree," Clarke said in her response to Assistant U.S. Attorney William Weinreb's opening statement.

"We have different answers to this question," Clarke said.

Legal expert Karen Pita Loor, a Boston University law professor, says Tsarnaev's defense team is focusing on the sentencing and conceding his guilt.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who would have been 28 today, was the mastermind of the terror spree, and Dzhokhar was merely dragged into his older brother's obsession with



Tsarnaev's attorney, Judy Clarke, addresses the jury. / SKETCH BY JANE FLAVELL COLLINS / NICOLAS CZARNECKI, METRO

Legal analysis

Karen Pita Loor, a Boston University law professor who specializes in criminal defense, said the defense appeared to be concentrating on the death penalty from the outset.

- "Instead of thinking about guilt or innocence, they may have decided that's not a

worthy endeavor and they're just going to focus their efforts on mitigating factors for the death penalty," she said.

- Pita Loor said the defense could try to prove Tsarnaev was under substantial and unusual duress at the time

of the crimes and stress his brother's influence over him, his lack of a criminal record and his young age.

- "You can't get the death penalty before 18 and he's very close to that [at the] time he committed this horrible offense," she said.

radical Islam, but bore no hatred toward his fellow Bostonians.

"Tamerlan became aggressively obsessed with talking about Islam," Clarke said. "It was Tamerlan Tsarnaev who self radicalized. It was Dzhokhar who followed him."

Dzhokhar's grades at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth were plummeting; he was skipping class and was in danger of flunking out

of school, Clarke said.

"Dzhokhar became much more vulnerable to the influence of someone he loved and very much respected — his older brother," she said. "[Tamerlan] had a special kind of influence dictated by age, culture and Tamerlan's sheer force of personality."

"Unfortunately and tragically, Dzhokhar was drawn into his brother's passion and plan," Clarke said, "and that

led him to Boylston Street."

Earlier Thursday, Weinreb painted a darker picture of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, and described him as a radical Islam-obsessed teenager who lived a double life as a college student by day and a fan of terrorist teachings by night.

"He had a side to him that he kept hidden, even with his closest friends," Weinreb said.

Weinreb relayed to the jury grim, graphic details

of the deaths of Tsarnaev's bombing victims — Martin Richard, 8, Krystle Campbell, 29, and Lingzi Lu, 23 — and by showing smiling photographs of each in happy times.

The purpose of the homemade pressure cooker bombs used by the Tsarnaev brothers, Weinreb said, was to "tear people apart and create a bloody spectacle ... to shred flesh, set people on fire and cause them to die painful deaths."

Tsarnaev is on trial for his life for carrying out the deadly attack.

Seventeen of the 30 federal charges against him carry the possibility of the death penalty if convicted. On Thursday, Tsarnaev's victims sat behind him in a silent but packed courtroom. Richard's family was also in court.

Weinreb described the boy's wounds; the first of the day's graphic imagery.

"The bomb tore large chunks of flesh out of Martin's body. His mother found his body laying on the ground and she tried to comfort him," Weinreb said. "Martin bled to death on the sidewalk."

Clarke called the events of that day "incomprehensible" and "inexcusable."

"Over the next several weeks we're all going to come face to face with unbearable grief and loss and pain," Clarke told jurors. "We will see and listen to their testimony with heavy hearts. It's going to be a lot to ask of you to hold your minds and hearts open, but that is what we ask."

Court is expected to resume Thursday.



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Stand. Bombing survivors, witnesses deliver dramatic testimony

Rebekah Gregory stepped onto the witness stand yesterday during the first day of testimony on the bombing trial.

The 27-year-old lost her left leg in November, a year-and-a-half after it was shredded in the deadly terror attack. But it wasn't the memory of that pain that pushed her to tears Wednesday — it was the image of Krystle Campbell's dead body and the sound of her then-5-year-old son, Noah, calling out, "Mommy, Mommy,

Mommy."

"At the time I couldn't see my legs. My bones were literally laying next to me on the sidewalk," said Gregory, of Houston, Texas. "Blood was everywhere, shrapnel was all over the place and people's body parts were also laying everywhere. At that point I thought that was the day I would die."

Gregory was one of three victims to take the stand Wednesday and deliver

dramatic testimony to a jury comprised of eight men and 10 women. Two eyewitnesses, and the marathon's organizer also took the stand.

Sydney Corcoran, 19, said she felt the life slipping out of her as she lay sprawled on the Boylston Street sidewalk.

"I could feel my body going tingly and I was getting increasingly cold, and I knew I was dying," Corcoran slowly recounted.

The court also saw graphic

amateur video captured by witness Colton Kilgore, who was cheering on family members when the bombs exploded.

The video showed absolute mayhem: torn, bloody limbs and pools of blood collecting on the pavement. Screams and pleas for help were audible. Victims lay shocked on the ground, white in the face.

"It smelled of blood ... flesh. Just acrid; disgusting," Kilgore said of the scene.

Campbell's close friend,

Karen Rand McWatters, lost a leg in the attack. She recounted her final moments with Krystle. After the blasts, McWatters shimmied over hot shrapnel and put her face to her friend's as she lay there dying.

She very slowly said her legs hurt. We held hands, and shortly after that her hand went limp in mine," said McWatters, tearful. "And she never spoke again after that."

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1 Bombing survivor Marc Fucarile is surrounded by media as he leaves Moakley Federal Courthouse after the first day of the trial on Wednesday.

Wednesday in front of Moakley Federal Courthouse.

2 Victims of the Boston Marathon bombings and their families exit the courthouse.

4 Media from around the world gathered outside the courthouse.

3 Jose Briceno of Cambridge holds up signs



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Superintendent

Welcome to Boston, Mr. Chang; here's a shovel!

Boston has a new superintendent of schools, Dr. Tommy Chang, now a top school official with the Los Angeles Public School System.

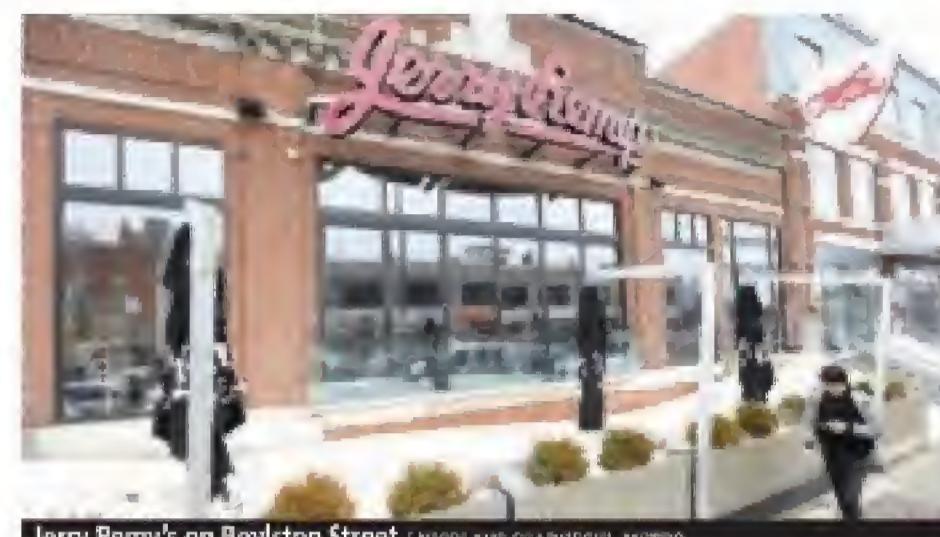
Mayor Marty Walsh cheered the pick by the Boston School Committee, which voted 5-2 for Chang.

"I want to congratulate and welcome Dr. Tommy Chang as Boston's selection for the new superintendent of public schools," the mayor said. "Dr. Chang will provide the leadership that our school system needs and I am confident that his innovative views on education will move our students forward."

Chang said he was thrilled to be coming to Boston.

"As the birthplace of public education in America, it needs to serve as the model for what public education can be, not only in the United States but the world."

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Jerry Remy's on Boylston Street / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Boston. Jerry Remy's Fenway eatery has closed; can't make it on 81 games

Jerry Remy's flagship restaurant in Fenway that bears his name is closed, according to multiple media reports.

The former Red Sox second baseman and longtime NESN broadcaster opened the Jerry Remy's Sports Bar & Grill located at 1265 Boylston St. in 2010.

His restaurants at Logan Airport, the Seaport and Fall River remain open.

Boston Restaurant Talk, a local eatery blog, wrote this week that the Fenway location is in bankruptcy, although that detail could not be confirmed by Metro on Wednesday.

The Boston Globe quoted a former executive chef for the restaurant saying the place was plagued by financial difficulties.

"In the wintertime, it was a ghost town," Justin Blais told the paper. "We would start baseball season in a hole year after year. We were trying to survive an entire year off 81 home games."

It is the latest bad news

for the Massachusetts native. Last year his son, Jared Remy, pleaded guilty to killing his girlfriend as their daughter

location opens.

• October 2012: the Fall River location opens.

• March 2015: The Fenway location closes.

looked on. He is serving a life sentence in state prison without the possibility of parole.

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Tom O'Keefe is @BostonTweet and the founder of #DownloadBoston, a local movement to increase the awareness of Boston-based consumer startups.



Last week I wrote about my Top 5 Boston startups. That list was actually half of my Top 10. So without further adieu, here are the others.

Weft

Weft is tackling a very unsexy industry, shipping, but what they're trying to accomplish is awesome. By tracking ports and shipping containers around the world, Weft is able to predict the supply and backup of products from port to port. The power of data!

Talko

Talko makes talking on the phone a lot more enjoyable and a lot more productive. With Talko, you can send texts, record voice, send pics and talk live within the app. And most usefully, you can add multiple tags to conversations at the exact second when pertinent information was shared.

LevelUp

LevelUp is a mobile payment app

that's been around for years now. I'm still not convinced that paying with an iPhone is easier than a credit card, but what I love about LevelUp is that it consolidates all of my monthly purchases into one bill. This way, I don't have 31 charges for coffee every month.

Mustbin

Mustbin is a hyper secure app that I use to store the dozens of passwords that we all need to remember on a daily basis. However, this Downtown Crossing-based startup offers a lot more. One new feature is true message deletion that allows you to delete messages from every recipient's phone whenever you want that message deleted.

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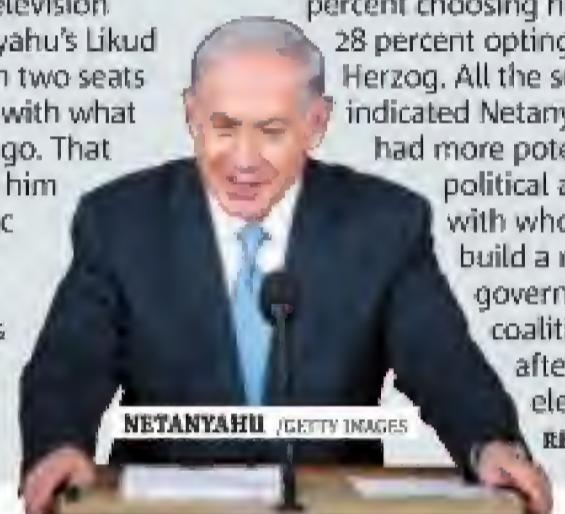
Five things you need to know

Netanyahu's popularity rises after speech, polls show

Israeli opinion polls on Wednesday showed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu got a slight boost in popularity after his U.S. speech slamming an emerging nuclear deal with Iran, but he is still running neck and neck with his leading rival in a March 17 election.

A survey published by Channel 10 television indicated Netanyahu's Likud party would gain two seats to 23 compared with what he had a week ago. That would still leave him in a tie with Isaac Herzog's Zionist Union.

The country's Channel 2 television had Netanyahu's



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right-wing party up by one seat to 23, just behind Herzog's left-of-center list.

In separate surveys conducted by the channels on each candidate's individual popularity, Netanyahu was favored by 44 percent for the job of prime minister, up two percentage points from a week ago. Herzog's number declined by two percentage points to 35 percent, results by Channel 10 showed.

But Netanyahu was further ahead of his rival in a Channel 2 popularity poll, with 47 percent choosing him and 28 percent opting for Herzog. All the surveys indicated Netanyahu had more potential political allies with whom to build a new governing coalition after the election.

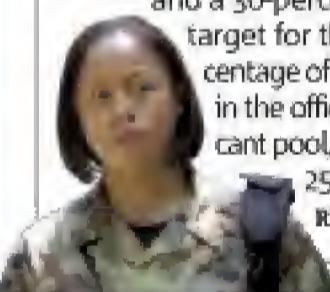
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Air Force launches push to recruit more women and minorities

The Air Force on Wednesday kicked off a drive to attract and retain more women and minorities, including a push to increase the number of female officers and pilots.

Air Force Secretary Deborah James announced nine measures that she said were critical to ensuring the Air Force's success, such as a Web-based mentoring system, longer deferrals for deployments after pregnancy and a 30-percent target for the percentage of females in the officer applicant pool, up from 25 percent.

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Supreme Court split over Obamacare challenge

The Supreme Court appeared divided on ideological lines Wednesday as it tackled a major challenge to President Barack Obama's health care law, with Justice Anthony Kennedy emerging as a likely swing vote in a ruling.

The nine justices heard 85 minutes of arguments in the case brought by conservative opponents of the law who contend its tax credits aimed at helping people afford medical insurance should not be available in most states. A ruling favoring the challengers could cripple the health care law, the president's signature domestic policy achievement.

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Thirty-three miners feared dead after pit blast in Ukraine

Ten miners were confirmed killed and rescuers held out little hope for another 23 who were still missing after a blast at a coal mine in the rebel-held city of Donetsk near the battle front in eastern Ukraine on Wednesday.

Mine officials said the explosion was most likely caused by gas and not linked to fighting at the nearby frontline in the war between Moscow-backed rebels and Ukraine government forces.



Rescue workers / GETTY IMAGES

US may review 1959 airplane crash that killed Buddy Holly

Transportation safety investigators said on Wednesday they are reviewing a request to reopen a probe into the 1959 airplane crash that killed musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, J.P. Richardson, better known as "The Big Bopper," and their pilot.

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Interview with Tara L Conley, Founder of the women's rights-related website 'Hashtag Feminism'

Tara L. Conley, a Columbia University doctoral candidate, is noted for founding Hashtag Feminism, a website that curates and analyzes women's rights-related tweets and messages across social media. She talks to Metro about the importance of online activism.

How did you decide to become an activist?

I wouldn't call myself an activist so much as I would say that I'm someone who studies activism in a new media era. Perhaps others might think of the work I do as activist work because it has amplified the work of others, which is fine, but I don't take this term lightly. Having studied the work of activists from past to present, I take seriously the descriptor, and I continue to grapple with what activism looks like and can perhaps become in the future.

How did the idea for

This is the fourth in a Metro series leading up to International Women's Day on March 8.

4
days to International Women's Day

Hashtag Feminism emerge?

At the end of 2013, I began following closely conversations and stories attached to hashtags like #SolidarityIsForWhiteWomen, #NotYourAsianSidekick, and #MyFeminismLooksLike. I was fascinated and inspired by the stories and activisms that emerged around these digital artifacts. I put on my researcher's hat and went to Topsy.com, a Web-based metrics tool, to learn more about how these tags came about over time. Topsy showed me the data, but it wasn't enough. I wanted to locate stories around the data, and I wanted to contextualize and historicize them, something a metrics

tool cannot do. I wanted to curate these stories around feminist hashtags, and I also wanted to analyze them in a way that connects the data with our stories in meaningful ways. So in late 2013, I thought about starting a website that could accomplish these things. I wanted to create a space for myself and for other new writers to produce curated and editorial pieces on our own terms. All of this, along with being inspired by the creative design and execution of Beyoncé's last album, influenced how Hashtag Feminism came into existence.

Can you tell us some examples of successful hashtag

activism? Why were they a success, in your view?

One of the most successful hashtag campaigns I've seen to date has been #NMOS14 (National Moment of Silence), organized by feminist activist Feminista Jones. I cite this hashtag because it's one where we can see how online organizing and mobilizing has offline impact. In the wake of the fatal shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown, Jones and others used social and digital media to organize silent vigils to honor victims of police brutality around the country. #NMOS14 isn't the first and only mass movement organized online. There are many others. Even before Twitter, women were organizing online around post-Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts using Yahoo! listservs, and young college students in 2007 organized on MySpace and on Facebook during the Jena Six case. I've studied this sort



Tara L. Conley / METRO WORLD NEWS

Question

How can social media help defend rights for women?

I'm not sure social media

"defends" women's rights. People do this work. Social media are tools and platforms where we find representation, expression, and where culture emerges.

of online-to-offline organizing for years now, and it's always encouraging to see people use new media tools and platforms for this kind of work. You can check out

other successful and notable hashtags in our Top Feminist Hashtags lists of 2013 and 2014.

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CULTURE



Twitter feed

Today, Matthew Perry is mad about his body clock, Mindy Kaling is mortified, John Stamos is not letting you down gently, The Dalai Lama uses Twitter, and Ricky Martin is nothing if not determined.

@MatthewPerry: Why do I wake up when farmers wake up?

@mindykaling: I'm ten minutes early to a thing, I'm so humiliated

@JohnStamos: BACKBONE Stars say no, only amateurs always say yes. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it. Don't be afraid to let people know you won't.

@DalaiLama: Only tolerance and patience can protect us from the destructive effects of anger and hatred.

@ricky_martin: I can. I will. End of story.

Chris Brown embraces sudden fatherhood

Surprise! Embattled singer Chris Brown is a dad. All of a sudden. TMZ reports that Brown is the father of a nine-month-old girl with a former model identified only as Nia. There's no sign of legal trouble between the parents, and sources say they're on good terms and not romantically linked. So since it doesn't involve an ambulance dispatch or a court filing, I'm honestly scratching my head as to how TMZ found out about this.

While Brown is said to be "happy about being a father," his happiness is not shared by his on-again, off-again girlfriend, Karrueche Tran, who took to Twitter to officially dump him following the news. "Listen. One can only take so much. The best of luck to Chris and his family," she wrote. "No baby drama for me." Good thinking.

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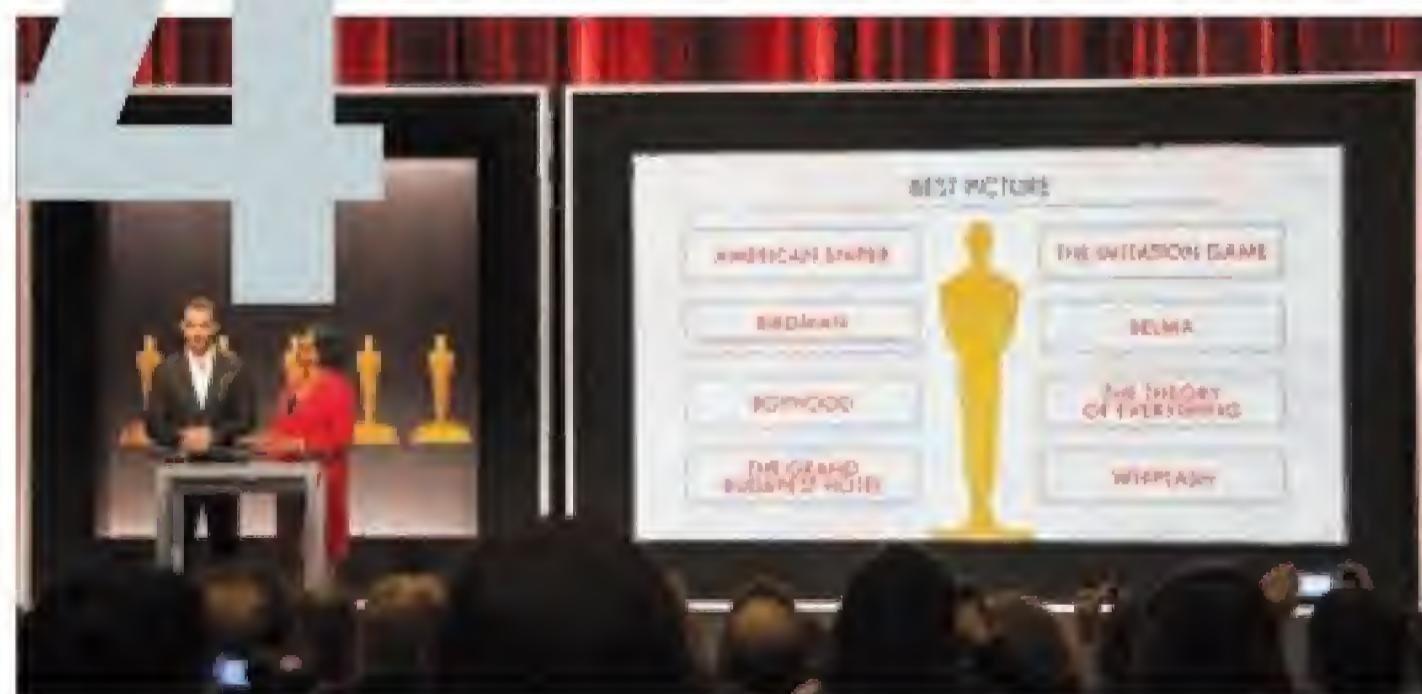
Conrad Hilton pleading guilty for epic in-flight meltdown

Some trouble you can't just buy your way out of. Conrad Hilton — 21-year-old hotel chain heir and younger brother of Paris — has agreed to plead guilty to an assault charge from his infamous tirade during a flight from London to Los Angeles last year, and he could be looking at up to six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine. And GQ

even went and tracked down a passenger from the flight, British life coach Patricia Mitchell, who gives a fascinating account of the 11-hour episode. "God, he's an a-hole," she says. "He's been taught a certain way to communicate with people, and it's clearly not working. He looked deeply unhappy." Just imagine how he looks now.



Oscars backtracking on Best Picture category rules



Hey, remember when the folks behind the Academy Awards decided to change the Best Picture rules so that more than five films could be nominated? Well apparently six years later, they've decided it was a massive

failure, and now they're looking to reverse it. "They tried it, and it really didn't do us any good," an Academy source tells the Hollywood Reporter. The rule change came in 2009 after "The Dark Knight" was left out of

the Best Picture race, with the hopes that getting films with more broad appeal nominated would boost the ceremony's ratings. But with a 16 percent dip from last year's Oscars, that's clearly not happening.

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Seth Rogen smoked too much pot in Amy Pascal's new office



Amy Pascal must seriously be losing patience with Seth Rogen at this point. After that whole business with "The Interview" and the hacking and her losing her job and all, he's now inadvertently making it impossible for Pascal to move into her new office on the Sony lot. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Pascal is set to make a home for her new Sony-financed production company in the offices previously occupied by Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg. Only the lingering stench of marijuana is so strong that it has seeped into the flooring and is prompting a full paint job. Seriously, Seth, you've never heard of a vaporizer?

Daily video



'Community' ushers in 'The Age of Yahoo'

No, really. Cult favorite sitcom "Community" is really coming back — and soon. New episodes debut on Yahoo! Screen March 17, and to mark the occasion, we

now have this awesome, epic trailer perfectly piggybacking on the anticipation for "Avengers: Age of Ultron." Despite all the melodramatic "Avengers" aping, we're pretty sure the final version is going to consist of new, hilarious must-see episodes. "Let's keep Greendale weird," indeed.

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"American Crime" premieres Thursday at 10 p.m. on ABC. / VAN REDIN, ABC

Network TV is getting pretty grim

Interview. The actors working on "American Crime" had heavy work ahead of them.

For anyone familiar with ABC as the network that gave us the cute family of "Modern Family," "American Crime" will be a bit of a shock. The show, created by "12 Years a Slave" writer John Ridley, follows the story of one murder, and the shockwaves that reverberate out as the police investigate. The parents of the victim are played by Felicity Huffman and Timothy Hutton in performances both wrenching and human, as they struggle with their feelings about the investigation.

Asked what drew him back to TV, Hutton says, "This script and the fact that it was going to be John Ridley in charge of everything. It came at me as a surprise. I read it one day, and I couldn't put it down."

Hutton's patriarch hasn't been a presence in his family's lives, and it was this nuance that helped him find the character. "For me, the kind of heart of the character, in terms of how to attack playing it, was this was somebody who took himself away from the responsibilities that nobody should take themselves away from and was a gambling addict," Hutton says.

"He really wants to be as much of a fam-

ily as possible to try to pull through it. He realizes that you can't just do that. You can't just step into it, even with a tragedy like this. You're going to have to be measured by how you approached things earlier in your life or didn't approach them," Hutton explains.

Newcomer Elvis Nolasco plays drug addict Carter Nix, whose connection to the crime is slowly revealed. But he never loses all sympathy.

"That's made the whole experience for me so rewarding," Nolasco says. "This was one of the first things John [Ridley] said to me. He's like, 'I'm going to ask a lot of you. I'm going to need you. Are you ready?' I don't want to give too much away, because this guy goes through the ringer."



ELVIS NOLASCO AND TIMOTHY HUTTON
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Transformations

All for the role

Nolasco had to transform physically to play the part. Ridley told him, "lose weight, don't cut your hair," in order to look like a drug addict. Once filming wrapped, was running to a barber the next thing he did? "Yes. Right away. Started eating like a maniac," says Nolasco with a laugh.

Asked whether it's hard to shake off such dark subject matter at the end of the day, Nolasco says, "Yes and no. For me, it was just a matter of going home and watching television, which I love to do. I think it was once we wrapped that was the more difficult part for me."

What does an actor in the midst of playing a drug addict murder suspect watch to relax? "Orange is the New Black," "Scandal," "Resurrection," "Shark Tank." I love 'Shark Tank,'" Nolasco says. "Yes, it's about money, and it's about how to invest and how to pitch, but I think it's just an entertaining show."

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Interview. KaDee Strickland branches out from Shondaland

Many people change careers, but KaDee Strickland gets to play a pretty big change onscreen. Known for playing Dr. Charlotte King for six years on Shonda Rhimes' "Private Practice," she's now appearing in the 10-episode "Secrets & Lies" as Christy Crawford, a realtor, and the wife of a man (Ryan Phillippe) who's accused of killing a small child, who begins to suspect her husband may be guilty. Just how different were the two experiences?

From Shondaland to "Secret" land: Everything about it from a creative standpoint is different for me, because I've always known my process. When I was in Shondaland, it was a beautiful experience that I had prior to motherhood. I'd done it for six beautiful years of my life. I love working with Shonda. It's full-on, it's surprising at all times, and in a completely different way, I can say the same about this.

And about that career change: You can't get any further away from Charlotte than a real estate professional. I had gel nails;

"SECRETS AND LIES," STARRING KADEX STRICKLAND, AIRS SUNDAYS AT 9 P.M. ON ABC.
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF PITT

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I never did that on "Private." Eyelashes, gel nails, all this stuff, but it was also fun for me because I would go in the neighborhoods around where we were and do research. I looked at real estate agents, and I actually pretended to be looking for a house. That was so different from delving into life-and-death surgery every day.

What was noticeable about those realtors: The way they talked with their hands at times. The way they would stand. The way they would present a room and then walk away and come back with new information. There were certain scenes where I would find myself doing my hands in a certain way, and it was my personal shoutout to my research, which was fun because you gotta mix it up.

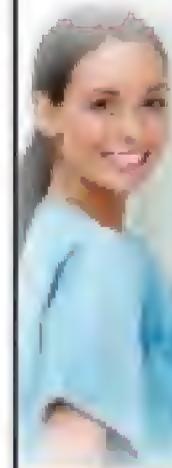
The main similarity between the two projects: I had the great Barbie Kligman [who wrote the script], and either way, I was working for two badass women.

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TV watch list

**'Backstrom'**

Backstrom runs into all sorts of personal drama this week as his case sends

him back to his hometown, where he sees his estranged father and then later has a run-in with his ex-fiancee. **8 P.M., ABC**

You're getting two Backstroms this week, as Robert Forster is appearing as the senior Backstrom. / LIANE KENTSCHEK, FOX

TALK SHOWS**'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon'**

Hugh Jackman stops by, as does the one and only Kelly Kapowski (Tiffani Thiessen, but we assume you knew that).

11:35 P.M., NBC

REALITY**'The Real Housewives of Melbourne'**

Cast members named Gamble Breaux and Pettifleur Berenger are joining, and if that's not reason to watch, what is? **SEASON PREMIERE, 9 P.M., BRAVO**

COMEDY**'The Odd Couple'**

Oscar decides to throw a birthday party for Felix, but he has some ulterior motives for being so nice to his roommate: He's using the event as an opportunity to get Casey to like him more. **8:30 P.M., CBS**

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CELEBRATE FEMINIST MEN ON WOMEN'S DAY

This Sunday is International Women's Day. Yup, we're 51 percent of the population, and we have to have a day to acknowledge our existence. I was racking my brain, trying to think of what to write this week because I wanted to talk about something positive in celebration. What I came up with was allies: guys who support women and their fight for equality, specifically in Hollywood.

For every studio jerk who thinks women can't open an action film or casts a 20-year-old as the love interest for a guy with an AARP card, there are those who are fighting alongside us. For instance, "Parks and Recreation" star Aziz Ansari appeared on David Letterman's show to talk about feminism. "My girlfriend has influence on me," he said. "She's a big feminist. That made me think about those kinds of issues. I'm a feminist as well. Any feminists out here? Clap if you're a feminist." When the clapping wasn't too loud, he responded, "I don't believe you."

Feminism, he said, is about equal rights. "You're a feminist if you go to a Jay Z and Beyoncé concert, and you're not like, 'Hmm, I feel like Beyoncé should get 23 percent less money than Jay Z. Also, I don't believe Beyoncé should have the right to vote.'" When you put it that way...

He won over a lot of the audience that night, and Twitter was abuzz with people saying, "Oh, I never thought of it like that."

Emma Watson is the spokeswoman for He for She, an international organization for allies of gender equality. When Steve Carell wore He for She cuff links at the Oscars this year, she wrote him an incredibly sweet note of thanks. Seriously, look it up.

I bring all of this up because acceptance of an idea often comes when we hear our heroes or people we admire talking about it. Oh, he thinks it's OK? Maybe it is! Go support these guys. See their films. Tweet thank you notes. And most importantly, be an ally for the ladies in your life.

Happy Women's Day.



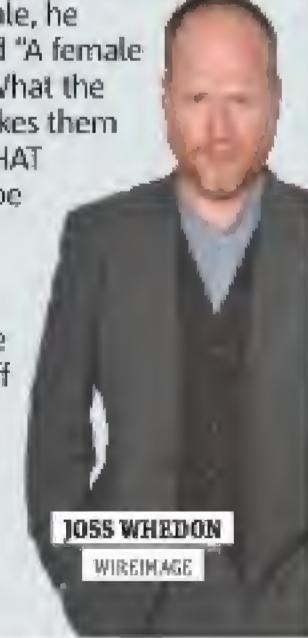
Aziz Ansari is one of the good ones, speaking out about women's issues. / GETTY IMAGES

Geek Girl in Hollywood**JENNA BUSCH**

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Then there's Joss Whedon, always an advocate for strong women, who tweeted in support of Anita Sarkeesian's "Tropes vs. Women in Video Games" after Gamergaters attacked her en masse, saying, "Watch the @femfreq #TropesVsWomen vids. Even if u think u get it, the sheer tonnage makes misogyny seem newly appalling." And, "I watched a bunch of women get sliced up in video games and now I'm watching it on my Twitter feed. @femfreq is just truth-telling. Deal." When it was revealed the new Thor would be female, he tweeted "A female Thor? What the hell makes them think THAT would be cool?" with a picture of Katee Sackhoff as Starbuck in "Battlestar Galactica." / WIREIMAGE



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Scenic train rides in West Virginia

See the mountains at their most picturesque from a vintage steam train.

Making moonshine in Virginia

A family tradition: The Bondurant brothers open their first distillery in Chase City.





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Caribbean ports can get crowded in peak season, so why not join a cruise to some of the less-visited islands?

The Caribbean certainly has its parade of "greatest hits" ports. And while they have lovely beaches and plenty of rum punch, they can also be quite crowded, particularly in the wintertime. If you're looking to get away from it all, consider one of these five cruises.

Azamara Journey, Azamara Club Cruises

Why we love it: This 686-passenger

ship sails from St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands. From there, you'll see Guadeloupe, Dominica, Nevis, St. Barth, St. Maarten and Virgin Gorda before returning to Miami. It's the best of both worlds: a great route that ends in an easy flight home. **Book it:** The 12-night sailing departs December 11, 2015, and starts at \$3,474 per person with double occupancy.

Sagitta, Island Windjammers

Why we love it: This casual sailing yacht — complete with wood-lined cabins and tall masts — accommo-

Avoid the winter crowds by choosing a cruise that visits the Caribbean's quieter islands.

dates only 24 passengers at a time. The itinerary includes St. Barts, St. Kitts, Anguilla, Nevis, Iles des Saintes, Dominica, Guadeloupe and Martinique. The rum punch flows freely and snorkeling gear is provided. **Book it:** The 12-night sailing departs May 10, 2015, and starts at \$2,775 per person with double occupancy.

SeaDream II, SeaDream Yacht Club

Why we love it: This 112-passenger ship likes to think of itself as a yacht — they have daybeds for two on deck and a watersports platform, and the captain is allowed to change the route based on weather. The round trip out of St. Thomas takes in a variety of small islands, includ-

ing Anguilla, St. Barth, Virgin Gorda, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke. **Book it:** The five-night sailing

departs November 22, 2015, and starts at \$2,999 per person with double occupancy.



may just be the best spot on the ship to sunbathe. The round trip out of Barbados visits Grenada, a couple of small spots in the Grenadines, St. Vincent, Bequia and two ports each in Martinique and St. Lucia. **Book it:** The seven-night sailing departs November 28, 2015, and starts at \$3,310 per person with double occupancy.



Top tips

Here are three ways to carve out some island time for yourself.

1 Get in a taxi: Before you leave home, research the nicest beach on the island that's within a short drive. Then, once you're in port, grab the beach towels from your cabin, a snack from the breakfast buffet and hop in a cab.

2 Have a nice, long lunch: If you're in a port you've already seen, or you have had your fill of beach days, make a reservation at one of the nicer restaurants on the isle. Often, you'll find these at luxury resorts.



3 Plan a run: There's no better way to get to know an island than by throwing on your sneakers and plotting out a route. You'll get your workout in, see the island and work off the big dinner you had the night before.

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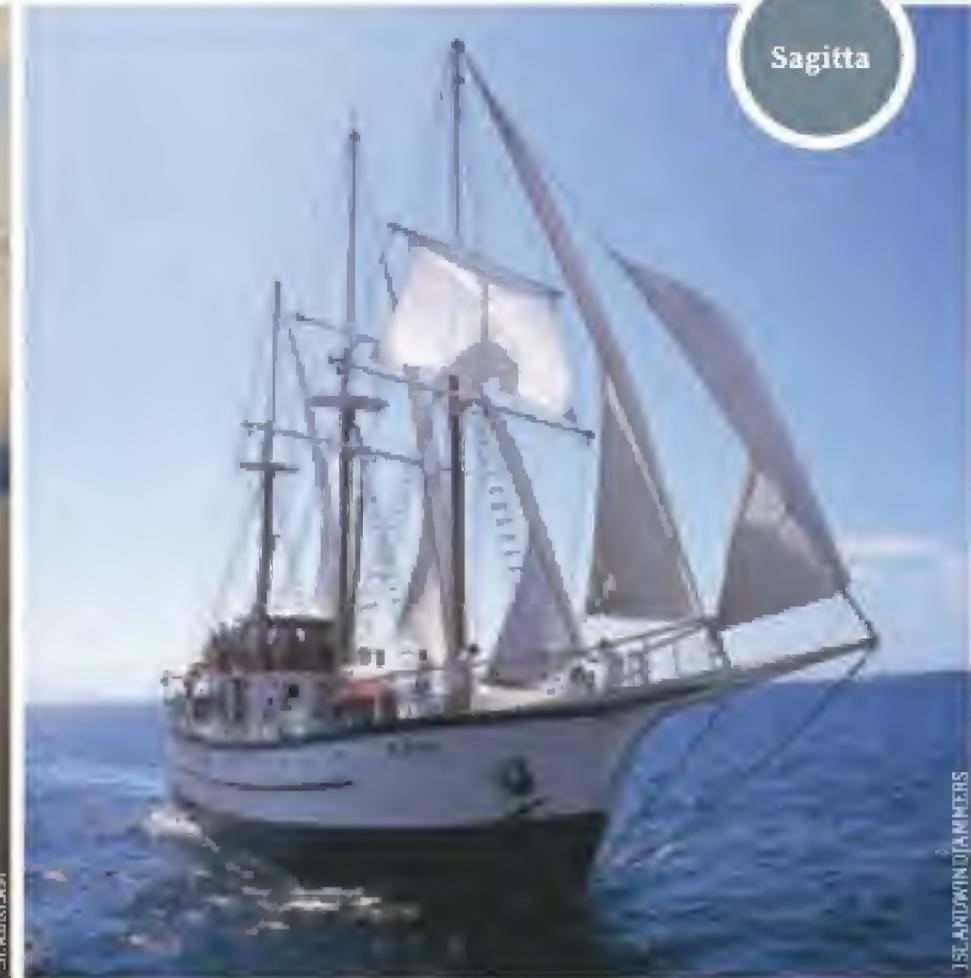
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Scenic train rides in West Virginia

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The Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad uses classic steam engines and vintage diesels for its Mountain Rail Adventures. Many of these trips go to areas unreachable by cars because there are no roads.

Leaving from Elkins, Durbin and Cass in east-central West Virginia, the line offers a variety of trips. Full-day excursions go deep into the Monongahela National Forest, while shorter sightseeing trips roll along the Greenbrier and Shaver's Fork Rivers. The season opens on Saturday, April 4, with the kid-centered "Cottontail Express." The Easter Bunny and his friends are on board the 90-minute ride with games and treats. The two trips that day usually sell out.

April 11 and 18 are set aside for the Mountain Cascades Excursion. The four-hour run climbs steep mountain grades with spectacular views along the cascading waters.



Cottontail
Express

of Shavers Fork. The train stops at the High Falls of Cheat River where spring snow run-off tumbles down the mountain and wildflowers bloom on the hillside.

Starting Memorial Day Weekend, there's an overnight trip, "Wild Heart of West Virginia." It's a combined ride on two trains, with a run up either Cheat Mountain or Bald Knob (one of the highest mountains in the

state]. Passengers have been staying in an authentic "caboose" house at the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park [reservations required].

The full schedule for the season includes special trains to a folk craft fair; wine-tasting trips; trips to bluegrass, gospel and mountain music festivals; murder

Take a short sightseeing trip or a full-day ride aboard a steam train.

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Making moonshine in Virginia

When the Bondurant brothers cork their first bottle of moonshine, they'll be following an old family tradition — only this time it will be legal.

The Bonduant brothers' granddad and uncles were infamous bootleggers in the south-central Virginia hills during Prohibition. The 2012 movie "Lawless" is loosely based on the family story.

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Pat Green brings his 'Home' on his travels

Interview. This Texas country singer is declaring independence.

Pat Green recorded all of the songs for "Home," his upcoming album, about three years ago. So why is it taking so long for the country music veteran to get these songs out there?

"The label paid for it at first, but I just wasn't satisfied with the way that they were going to put it out at the time, so I bought it out of my contract and then right after that is when we started shopping," Green explains.

Green shopped the album to major labels, but ultimately decided he'd put out the album himself.

"In this market, if you're not going for coast-to-coast big-time radio, you'll make more hay with your record," he says of putting it out independently. The 43-year-old performer got his start putting out his own records anyway.

"My first five records were all independent, so it doesn't bother me," he says. "I know the business side of it really well."

Green says the album combines his country sensibility with rock roots and features duets with legends like Sheryl Crow and Delbert McClinton and up-and-comers like Marc Broussard.

"Whenever anybody puts out a record they always say, 'Oh, this is my greatest record ever,' but as an old guy," he pauses to laugh at his choice of words before reconsidering, "or as a seasoned veteran, I have no problem saying it."



"Home" is never far from Pat Green's mind. / JIMMY BRUTCH

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He reconsiders again.

"I would never say 'best record,' actually, because you always want to leave room for the next one, but this is my best record since at least 'Wave on Wave,'"

"Wave on Wave" is Green's 2003 album, the title track of which recently saw a wave of resurgence after Craig Wayne Boyd, winner of "The Voice," sang it during the show's Battle

Round in October.

"Home" features Green's recent single "Girls from Texas," a duet with Lyle Lovett with a sing-along refrain of "girls from Texas are just a little bit better." Lyrically, the song plays like "California Girls," but a little bit bigger. After all, everything's bigger in Texas.

Green's home state is a well-tread topic for his songs and his tourmates for this round of

A little bit country

And a lot rock 'n' roll

Though Pat Green identifies himself as a country singer, there is something undeniably rock 'n' roll about his delivery.

The deluxe version of Green's previous full-length release, 2012's "Songs We Wish We'd Written II," features covers of songs by Tom Petty and Bruce Springsteen in addition to the more conventional country choices.

"I have nine brothers and sisters, so the taste in music in our house was all over the map. Just walking down the hall, you'd hear six different bands," he says. "I was the second-to-youngest kid, so I was just a sponge! I listened to everything from Motown to Bruce Springsteen to '80s hair bands to classics of '70s rock 'n' roll to Jerry Jeff Walker, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. Everything you can imagine."

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shows, Hudson Moore and Josh Abbott, are also from Texas.

"We've all come up in the same place and all been doing the same scene. Why not take it on the road and get out of town for a while?" Green reasons.

Green says he's looking forward to playing the Northeast.

"I'm excited to see the snow," he says. "But I know people there are probably excited to see it leave."

Also onstage

Lady Lamb the Beekeeper

Saturday, 8 p.m.

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Aly Spaltro, a former resident of Somerville, returns to her old stomping grounds this weekend. She prefers

these days to simply go by Lady Lamb, but up here we'll always know her as the Beekeeper. This is a record-release show for the indie-pop prodigy. Her latest is somewhat ominously entitled "After." Brooklyn band Cuddle Magic opens. MATTHEW DINARO



Also onstage

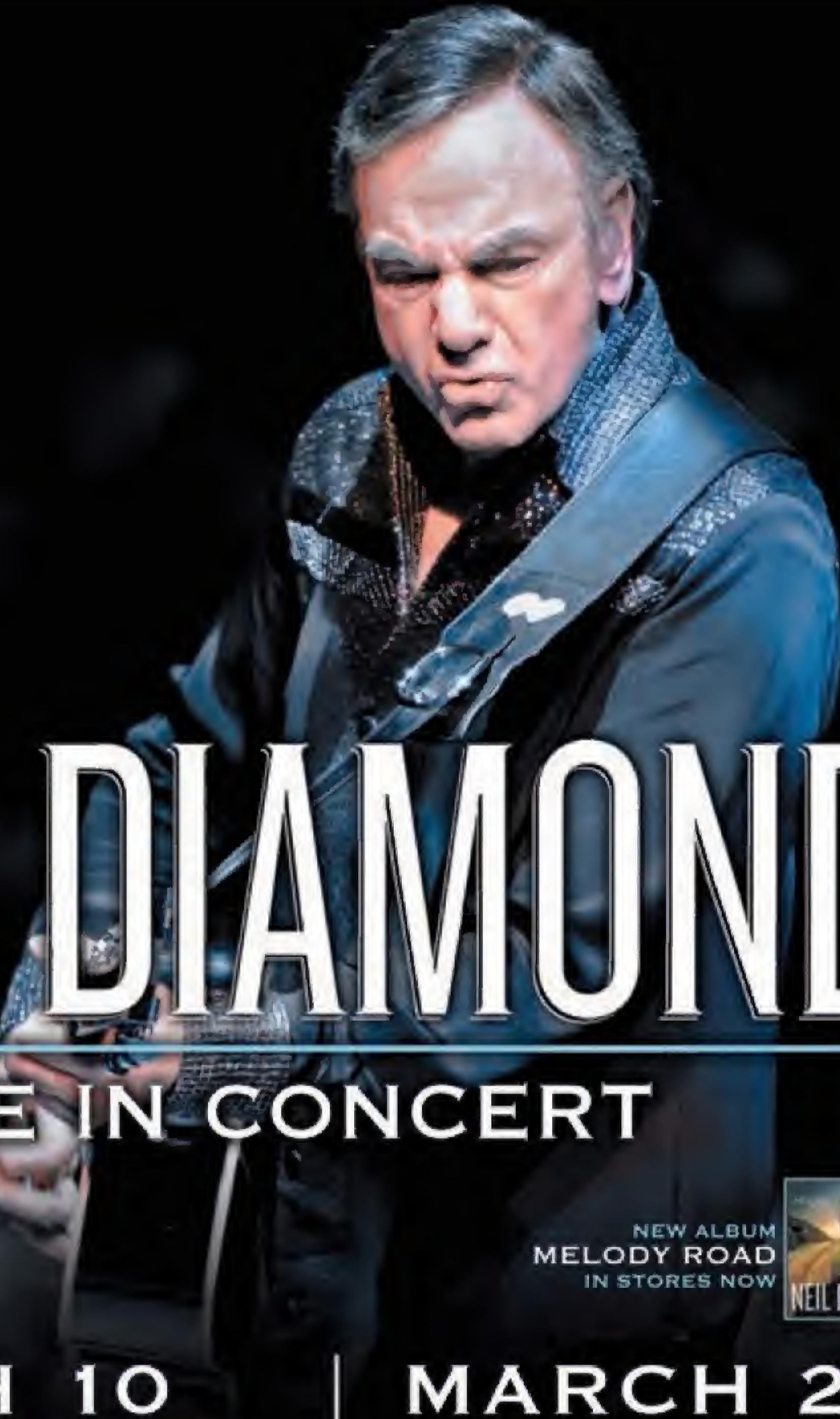
Moon Duo

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Some bands have deceptive names, but Portland, Oregon's, Moon Duo is actually a duo, composed of

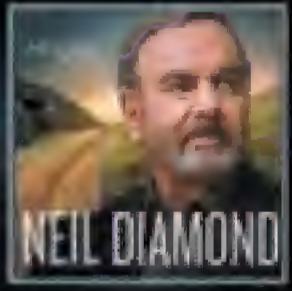
Ripley Johnson and Sanae Yamada. They take a strong influence from the krautrock bands of the late '60s and '70s, marked by a persistent, straight-ahead beat as danceable as it is trippy. Johnson's guitars burn like glowing embers, and the songs rocket forward with an edgy cool. MD



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inoters who I work with, who I trust to curate those shows, and they have brought in musicians who I love so much."

Not only has Kim Gordon played there in the past, but Amanda Palmer recently decided to drop by for two shows. The first, which took place last Thursday, was a determinedly casual affair, as the singer came out in a kimono before her show to chat with fans, talk up the opening band and enjoy some of Cuisine en Locale's food.

People may have gotten used to walking past Anthony's on Highland Avenue in Somerville and thinking of it as an old event hall, but the place has gotten a bit of a facelift in the past year. Since JJ. Gonson, who runs the catering business Cuisine en Locale, took over the venue, it's become a place to spend your evenings, from taco nights to trivia tournaments to seeing up-and-coming indie bands.

"What I want to have is talented, rising musicians," says Gonson. A music industry vet, she says she has "a couple of pro-

the food, of course, is the main reason Gonson was originally interested in the space. "Cuisine en Locale started as a personal chefing service, and that meant I went to people's homes, and I cooked food for them," he explains. They're still preparing food for local families as part of their Once a Week program. "Every week, we deliver cooked food to families all over the Boston area on bicycle," she says.

That food sticks to locavore traditions. Gonson grew up in the Cambridge area and has fond memories of buying from local farmers, at a time when kiwis seemed like an exotic food that came from too far away to eat regularly. Cuisine now uses all locally farmed food for its fare.

Asked why she decided to do two shows at the venue, Palmer says, "The original idea was to do a month of shows, but we could only ferret out two dates that worked for everybody. I absolutely love doing residences. It's like building a little family, and a running set of jokes."

Palmer also praised Cuisine en Locale for helping to give new artists a home. "I used to live three doors down from Cuisine en Locale on Highland Av-

Renovations

Save some,
toss some

Getting the former Anthony's ready took some serious work. Though Gonson says, "There was never any Anthony that we know of," they did have to update the interior for its new purpose. "We saved anything that was worth saving, and you would not believe how much we took out. We hauled dumpsters and dumpsters. We did a lot of salvaging," says Gonson. And because the venue has been around since the early 20th century, they found some odd items, too. There was an old hairdresser's chair in the basement, and Gonson says they found a Coke can from the '60s hidden in a wall.

enue, back in 1999, and I would have killed, positively killed, to have something like that in my neighborhood."

With hopping Union Square only a few blocks away, it's a prime time for venues like this to start building an audience. "Boston needs it badly. It's so hard to create and make things stick here because of the academic turnover and the often jaded attitude, but there's hope springing eternal, like a little crocus waiting under a 12-foot-high snow drift or a Red Line train coming within the hour. It's happening, you can feel it. You just have to wait," says Palmer.

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The night of Palmer's first performance, a special beet pizza, savory profiteroles and deviled eggs were on the menu.

MOVIES

Patrick's Day

Thursday
Regent Theater
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\$10, 781-646-4849
www.regenttheatre.com

Fans of "Silver Linings Playbook" might compare and contrast it with this 2014 Irish film, another tale of love and mental illness. Patrick is a 26-year-old schizophrenic who lives with his mother. When he falls in love with a severely depressed flight attendant, Karen, his mother, assuming she's taking advantage of his illness, becomes determined to keep the two apart.

THEATER

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Friday through April 5
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COMEDY

Tom Rhodes

Thursday through Saturday
Laugh Boston
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All comedians have to go on the road, but not all like it as much as Tom Rhodes, who's crafted a side-career as a travel journalist. He even, briefly, hosted a travel show on Dutch television. He's also set about conquering new media, with a popular podcast, "Tom Rhodes Radio," and a new Netflix special "Light Sweet Crude." **MATTHEW DINARO**

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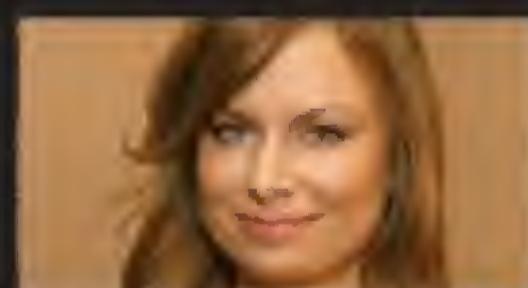
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Aries | March 21-April 20

A minor medical problem will escalate if you don't look after it. You will face obstacles if you aren't accepting. Try going with the flow, and barriers will dissipate.

Taurus | April 21-May 21

Nurture personal relationships by instigating an interesting activity that you can enjoy. Friends, children or your mate should be included in your plans. You can have fun without spending a lot of money.

Gemini | May 22-June 20

Someone you were counting on will renege on a promise. Don't waste time thinking of a way to get even. Your success will be the best revenge.

Cancer | June 21-July 22

Put your skills to work. Networking and sharing your ideas will impress an influential individual who can help you move your plans forward.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22

Don't make enemies at work or within your circle of friends. A minor misunderstanding will lead to an uncomfortable situation.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

The tide is turning, and flexibility will be key. A new position or change in direction will have a positive outcome. Discuss your ideas and make changes to your living arrangements.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Someone will try to discredit or undermine you. Make sure your professional and personal dealings are legitimate. Love is in the stars, and a romantic plan will improve your state of mind.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Take on a challenge or get involved in a cause. A decision you make may not be popular, but if you follow through with your plans, you will make a valuable contribution.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

A display of dishonesty will rattle. Keep a low profile and do a little soul searching before you address the issues that concern you. There are two sides to every issue.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Follow your heart. A change of direction is in the offing. If a new beginning is what you need, make the change. Property or an investment deal will pay off.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Positive changes are heading your way. Make everyone aware that you are up for a challenge. Your intelligence and confidence will bring results. EUGENIA LAST

Letters to the editor

Netanyahu is hypocritical and is not working toward peace

I was not impressed by Netanyahu. He is very hypocritical. He cannot reasonably call for a nuclear-free Iran, while Israel possesses a large nuclear arsenal. I do not like the government of Iran, but he is in no position to criticize. Last summer, he killed 2,300 Palestinians and left over 400,000

homeless in response to the horrific murder of three Israeli teens.

He has no peace plan, only a plan to build more settlements and continue to imprison and discriminate against Palestinians.

His government practices apartheid. Israel has an elaborate legal structure of separation and discrimination against Palestinians.

These policies make any kind of peace impossible and lead to acts of terror on innocent Jews.

Now is the time for peace. Let's call for a nuclear-free

Middle East and a comprehensive settlement that allows for equality, security and freedom for both peoples.

SHIFRA FREEWOMAN, VIA EMAIL

Kanye's crabby metaphor not very apt

Re: 'What it takes for Kanye West to speak at Oxford' (Metro, Feb. 3) You shouldn't

have been a fan of Kanye West's comment: "We have the ability to approach our

race like ants, or we have the ability to approach our race like crabs." Crabs are almost constantly fighting against each other. Ants, though highly hierarchical, at the end they do what is best for everyone in the colony. How do you think the world would be if everyone worked for the well being of everyone else?

LILY MARIN, VIA EMAIL

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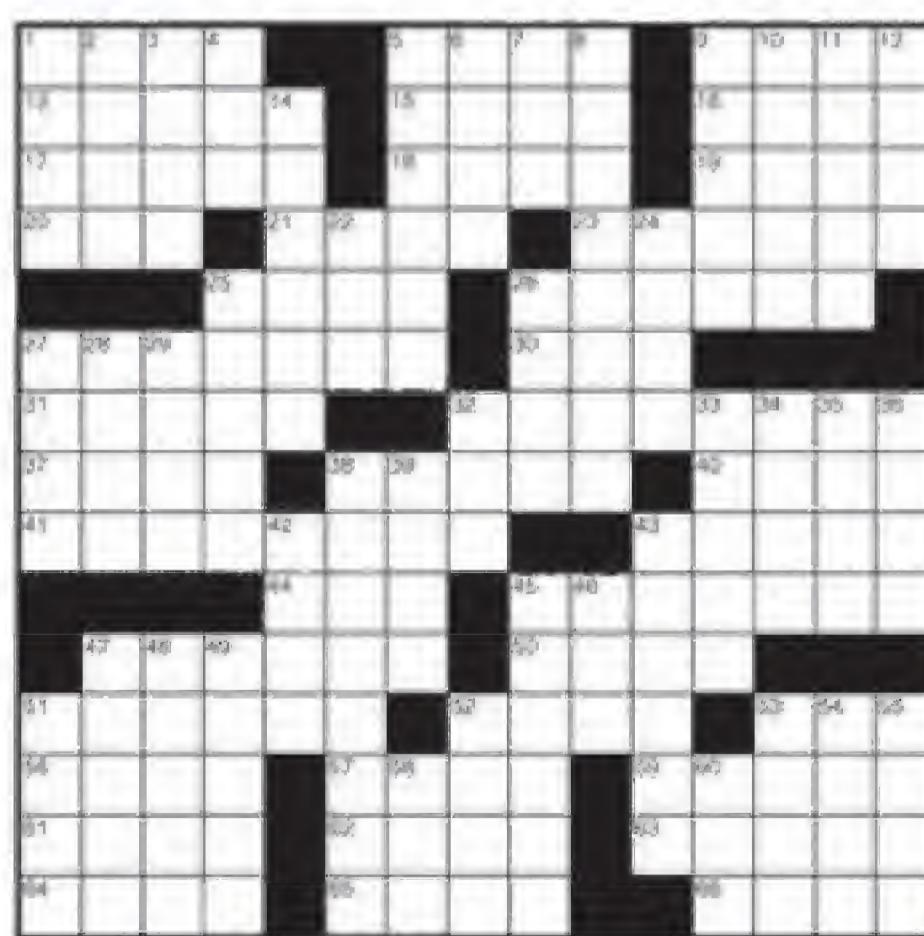
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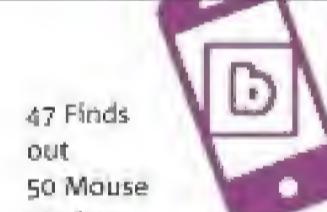
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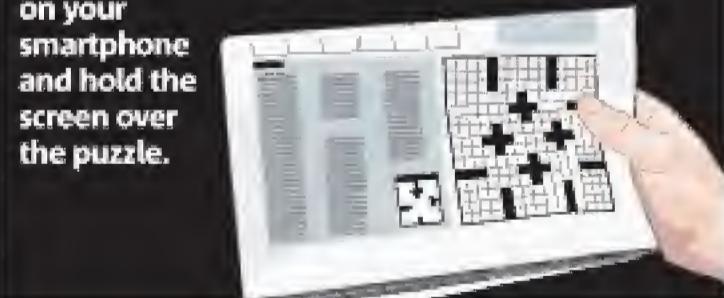
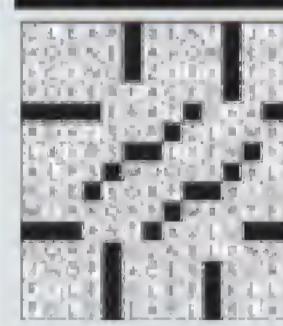
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- 17 Not spaced-out
- 18 Dance wear
- 19 Declare
- 20 Yang complement
- 21 Helped an actor
- 23 Fuse unit
- 25 Not a single woman
- 26 Horrible
- 27 Ennui
- 30 Friction easer
- 31 Griffith or Zola
- 32 Howls at the moon
- 37 Boundaries
- 38 Marmalade chunks
- 40 Latest thing
- 41 Where to make a splash
- 43 Slight trace
- 44 Puffin kin
- 45 Common wildflowers
- 47 Finds out
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- 51 Ran after
- 52 Guitar ridge
- 53 Toothpaste type
- 56 Fails to keep up
- 57 Reason to cram
- 59 Chopin opus
- 61 Between ports
- 62 Facet
- 63 "The Black Tulip" author
- 64 On guard
- 65 Stadium section
- 66 Real estate ad abbr.
- 6 Dull sound
- 7 "Mona Lisa" crooner
- 8 Opening number of "Hair"
- 9 Shawls, e.g.
- 10 Shack
- 11 A chicken in — pot
- 12 Had been
- 14 Make the call
- 22 Pilot's sighting
- 24 Pepper grinder
- 25 — rarebit
- 26 Kind of dust
- 27 Complain
- 28 Old Dodge model
- 29 Disposes of
- 32 Sturm — Orang
- 33 Faulty
- 34 Cager — Kukoc
- 35 Threshold
- 36 Gets the message
- 38 Least flat
- 39 Calligraphy fluids
- 42 Fix apples
- 43 Sloped
- 45 Attic window

**Down**

- 1 Influence
- 2 Fuzzy fruit
- 3 Persia, today
- 4 — annum
- 5 Respect

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**Yesterday's answer**

- 46 Floor
- 47 "Kundun" setting
- 48 Rah-rah
- 49 Test, as ore
- 51 Lobster pincer
- 52 Slowly vanish
- 53 Adhesives
- 54 Mild cheese
- 55 In case
- 58 Noon on a sundial
- 60 Butter container

Lucic looking for a surge after strange season so far

NHL. Milan Lucic and the Bruins are still looking to find their groove.

Just like his team around him, it's been a strange 2014-15 regular season for Bruins left wing Milan Lucic. So far, he's only missed one game, his plus/minus (plus-11) is tied for second-best on the B's, and he is tied for third with 34 points and third in goals (13). Center David Krejci's absence since Feb. 20 with an MCL injury (He's not expected back until April.) has certainly hurt Lucic's performance, but head coach Claude Julien has pointed out how he has acclimated quickly to a new temporary line with youngsters David Pastrnak and Ryan Spooner.

"Those three guys are finding each other and getting better all the time," noted Julien after their last game — a 4-1 win over hapless Arizona on Saturday at TD Garden. "Lucic is making sure that they are comfortable in their new roles."

Other than the lockout-shortened 2012-13 regular season, when he had seven goals in 46 games, the 26-year-old



Milan Lucic has 34 points this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Lucic has put up 24 goals or more in three of the past four campaigns with a career-high of 30 coming in 2010-11. For a big guy (6-foot-3, 235 pounds) that plays such a physical style, many have noted that it is sim-

ply not sustainable to go "all-out" the way that he does for 82 games every year. Despite that sentiment, Lucic usually takes his game to a higher level in the postseason: he had four goals and three assists in 12 games

last year with seven goals and 12 assists in 22 games the previous season when Boston lost in the Stanley Cup Final to Chicago.

As for this season, Lucic remains upbeat as he looked

By the numbers

62

The most points Milan Lucic has scored in one season is 62 (2010-11). Lucic currently has 34 points through 61 games this season. He had 59 points last season.

ahead to the rest of this season, which hopefully will continue far past mid-April.

"We are playing with the puck and supporting each other," he said. "We need to stay positive and keep having fun. With Krejci going down, it is a big job to step up and contribute to the team."

Lucic scored a goal against the Coyotes and added an assist last weekend. The Bruins have to hope that he heats up with only 20 games left in the regular season and a possible first-round showdown vs. Montreal looming. Boston only leads Florida by two points (with two games in hand) for eighth place in the Eastern Conference, so they need their best players, like Lucic, to get them into the postseason.

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Injury bug

Bruins and Sox take hits

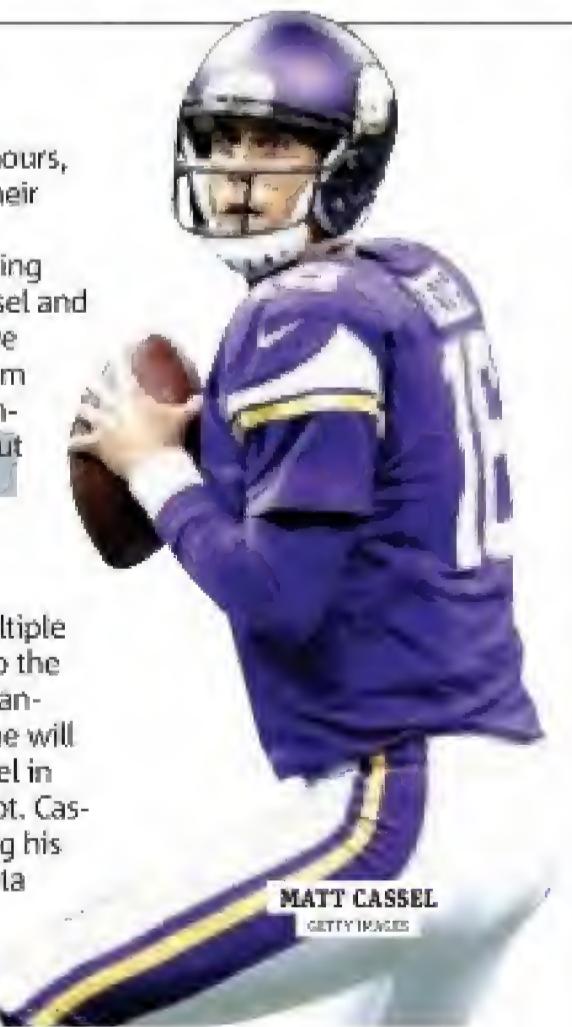
Brett Connolly, who the Bruins acquired earlier this week in a trade with Tampa Bay, was hit in the hand by a puck and broke his right index finger at Bruins practice Wednesday, and will be out six weeks. Six weeks from now is the start of the NHL postseason. Connolly made a brief statement on the matter on Twitter Wednesday. "Words can't describe how disappointed I am," Connolly wrote. "Not the start I envisioned but will be back out there playing with the guys as soon as possible." Meanwhile, the Red Sox' projected starting center fielder, Rusney Castillo, could possibly miss Opening Day after an MRI showed a strained left oblique muscle.

Four things you need to know

Bills land Cassel

In the span of about 18 hours, the Buffalo Bills rebuilt their offense.

A quarterback – running back combo of Matt Cassel and LeSean McCoy won't have fans harkening back to Jim Kelly and Thurman Thomas in terms of balance, but it's a great start for new Buffalo head coach Rex Ryan. The Bills acquired Cassel from Minnesota Wednesday, sending multiple undisclosed draft picks to the Vikings. Cassel isn't guaranteed the starting job as he will likely fight with EJ Manuel in training camp for the spot. Cassel was banged up during his two-year run in Minnesota but showed flashes in his time with the Chiefs. MATT BURKE



MATT CASSEL
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Free agent Allen will skip 2014-15 season

Free agent guard Ray Allen said Wednesday that he will not play this season but could be a gun-for-hire next season. "Over the past several months, I have taken a lot of time to deliberate what is best for me," Allen said in a statement.

"I've ultimately decided that I will not play this NBA season. I'm going to take the remainder of this season, as well as the upcoming off-season, to reassess my situation, spend time with my family and determine if I will play in the 2015-16 season." MATT BURKE



Manning takes sizable pay cut

The Broncos will get to have their cake and eat it too in 2015 as Peyton Manning restructured his contract, taking a \$4 million pay cut, to allow Denver to make some free agent acquisitions.

Manning is scheduled to have a physical exam this week and his contract is expected to be finalized so long as he passes tests. Manning had more interceptions than touchdowns in December of 2014. MATT BURKE

A-Rod goes 1-2 in return to MLB

Alex Rodriguez has done all the right things off the field in recent weeks, but Wednesday was the first sign that the Yankees' maligned slugger was ready to turn the page on the field. A-Rod singled in his first spring training at-bat after 18 months away from live action. MATT BURKE



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FANTASY: GRAB THESE PLAYERS ON HYPE DELAY

Hope is rarely lost with baseball prospects. Guys can scuffle for a month, a year or even a few seasons before really finding their groove and producing to previously expected levels.

A prime recent example is Alex Gordon, the former No. 2 overall pick who looked completely lost in his first four years in the big leagues. In the four seasons since then, he's been an All-Star twice, a .282 hitter and knocked 76 homers with 50 steals. We call this a "post-hype" kind of sleeper, and it's an excellent way to find value later in your draft. This year's candidates:

Polly wants a cracker

Gregory Polanco is a 6-foot-5-inch, 235-pound specimen who hit 34 homers and stole 127 bases in 410 minor league games. He was finally called up to the bigs last June but badly disappointed with a .235 average and 59 strikeouts in 277 at-bats. The Pirates still have plenty of faith in their 23-year-old however, as they've traded away Travis Snider and will give Polanco a chance to play every day in right field. Jump back on board.

Fifth red bird

Carlos Martinez has only started eight games in his brief



Xander Bogaerts hit .240 last season, belting 12 home runs and driving in 46 runs. / GETTY IMAGES

NBA pickups

Your best adds this week:

- **Nikola Mirotic, PF, Bulls:** Injuries to Jimmy Butler and Taj Gibson will force Tom Thibodeau to play his talented import.
- **Tony Snell, SG, Bulls:** With both Derrick Rose and Jimmy Butler down, the underrated Snell is filling a major void.
- **Andrea Bargnani, C, Knicks:** The oft-frustrating former No. 1 overall pick is off the shelf and sporting a massive usage rate for the lowly Knicks.

big-league career and sports a 4.28 ERA overall. He also has to win the fifth starter's job in spring training and has never thrown more than 104 innings in a season (including minors). But that's why we can get him with one of our last flier picks. Martinez is a guy we like to bet on because he can pile up strikeouts in a hurry and is still just 23 years old. He struck out 340 batters in 327 minor league innings and an impressive 108 K's in 117.2 major league innings.

Bogie for Bogaerts

Perhaps Red Sox nation expected too much of 21-year-old Xander Bogaerts last season. He started off hot (.304 batting average as of June 1), but hit a wall and crashed to a .240 finish. Bogaerts admitted that his body gave up on him and therefore spent this offseason training at a performance institute with other big leaguers. It's easy to gamble on a sustained bounce-back for Xander because he's shortstop eligible

and is available in the 14th-17th round of most drafts. He'd have to actually regress further not to meet value at that bargain price.



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An Open Letter to Riders of the MBTA Commuter Rail

This past month has been trying for everyone. For every time you missed tucking your kids in at night, for every time you were late to work, for every frustrating moment, we offer you our sincere and heartfelt apology. We know we haven't met your expectations and must do better.

At Keolis, providing a safe and reliable service to our passengers is the mission that drives our company and our people each and every day. When you're frustrated, we are too. When you're angry, we feel it. And when you demand answers, we demand them of ourselves.

We want you to know that we are working hard to get more trains into service every day until we have restored operations to the standard we expect and you deserve. We are now operating at 80% passenger capacity and that number will steadily increase until we're back to 100% by March 30. Weekend service remains on its regular schedule.

The weather took a tremendous toll on the MBTA train equipment, which now must be repaired and tested for safety before being returned to service. That takes time. We're doing all we can to speed up that timeline, adding extra trains whenever possible to the locations that will help relieve bottlenecks in the overall system. Every Keolis team member is fully committed to bringing the MBTA Commuter Rail system back up to where it needs to be and regaining your trust.

One more thing. When you told us that our communications during the storm fell short, we heard you loud and clear. In response, we have created a team that is focused on improving communications—both online and in the stations and on the trains—so that we do a better job of getting you the information you need, when you need it.

There are many reasons for the challenges and difficulties of the last several weeks. The issues facing the system are real and won't be solved overnight. You have our collective promise and unwavering commitment that we won't rest until we are providing reliable commuter rail service upon which you can depend.

To stay updated on our expanded schedules visit us at www.mbta.com and follow us on Twitter @MBTA_CR or contact our Customer Service team at 617-222-3200 for the latest information on your train.

Sincerely,

Gerald C. Francis
General Manager